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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15. 1787.

MUSICAL SOCIETY.

BY Order of the Governor and Directors of the Musical Society, the Weekly Concerts are to begin on Friday next, the 16th November, at half past six o'clock in the evening.

As the access to St Cecilia's Hall is still interrupted by the new building on the South Bridge, the Concerts are to be held in the New Assembly Rooms, George Street, till further notice.

George's Square Assembly Rooms.

THE Annual Meeting of the Proprietors to elect their Directors and Treasurer for the ensuing year, will be held at the Rooms, on the third Monday, being the 19th November current, at noon.

JURIDICAL SOCIETY.

THE SOCIETY will meet upon Monday the 19th instant, in their Hall, foot of Carrubber's Close.

CALEDONIAN HUNT.

THE Members are requested to meet at Fortune's, upon Tuesday the 11th December. There will be some proposals made and agreed to by the Annual Hunt at Kelvin before this Meeting; and to elect a Preses, Treasurer, and Council for the ensuing year.

LORD ELIBART is in the Chair.

WILLIAM HAGART, Sec.

County of Dumbarton.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the Sheriff-depute did this day nominate and appoint JOHN GRAY, Writer in Dumbarton, Procurator Fiscal of the county of Dumbarton.

By order of the Sheriff,

ROBERT MACKENZIE Clerk.

Dumbarton, November 12. 1787.

POST HORSE TAX.

MR SMITH, Farmer-General of the POST HORSE DUTY for Scotland, intends being in Edinburgh the 24th instant. Any person who has occasion to write him in that business, may address their letters to the care of James Steamer, writer in Edinburgh.

A R M Y.

NY Gentleman who has been appointed to a LIEUTENANCY or ENSIGNCY, in the New Corps now rising for service in the East Indies, and may be inclined to exchange for half-pay, will hear of a person ready to transact with him on liberal terms, by applying to James Horne, writer to the signet.

FOUND AT WANLOCKHEAD,

A FEW WEEKS AGO,

A Large POINTER DOG, brown coloured, white on the fore-legs and under part of the neck, and joining above with a narrow stripe on the upper part of his neck; he is also white mottled, and has a white hair from his brow.

If he is not claimed by the owner in a fortnight after this date, he will be sold to defray expences.—He will be found at Charles Ramage's, innkeeper at Wanlockhead.

W H I S K Y.

WANTED about Ten Thousand Gallons of WHISKY, distilled from Malt, to be delivered within six weeks from this date.

Proposals for furnishing the above, or any part thereof, may be addressed to GRAHAM, MILNE, and CO. Glasgow.

5th November, 1787.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE Widow of Archibald Stewart, late Stabler in the head of the Pleasance, begs leave to acquaint the Public, and all the Friends of her deceased husband, that she means to continue the business.

She humbly hopes for their support, and will endeavour to merit it, by paying every attention to their commands. Handsome Post Chaises and good Saddle Horses, at the shortest notice.

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TO be LET, with or without ground, near the Dalkeith road, within a mile and a half of Edinburgh.—Like-wise a SAND PIT.

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THE Annual Premiums and King's Duty upon Insurances, due at this Office at the present term of Martinmas, are desired to be paid up immediately, as, by neglecting the payment fifteen days after the term-day, the benefit of the Policy expires. Persons insured will please therefore, to call at the office, and pay the same, where receipts are granted for old premiums, and policies issued for new insurances.

N. B. This Office allows the policy gratis to such persons already insured with them, who may find it needful to alter their insurances, as well as to such persons who may choose to change their insurances from any other office to this.

EXCHEQUER CHAMBERS,

August 6. 1787.

BY ORDER OF THE BARONS.

INTIMATION is hereby given, That two Petitions were this day presented to their Lordships, one from Mrs Dunbar, widow of Captain Dunbar, late of Boath, in behalf of herself and her children, and the other from Mr William Dunbar, writer to the signet, fervently praying for a gift of the estates real and personal of the deceased Mr Patrick Dunbar, minister at Nairn, fallen into his Majesty's hands.

Sale of Household Furniture.

To be SOLD by public auction, upon Tuesday the 20th of November instant.

THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE which belonged to the deceased Mrs Mary Auchinleck, in her house at Fisherrow, consisting of Beds, Blankets, Tables, Chairs, Carpets, Bed and Table Linen; an Eight-day Clock, with Kitchen Furniture, &c. &c.—The Sale to begin at eleven o'clock.

Mr. BOWIE Auctioneer.

Sale of Clocks, Watches, &c.

AND NOTICE to DEBTORS.

THE whole Stock of MACPHERSON and LESLIE, Watchmakers in Edinburgh, consisting of finished and unfinished Clocks and Watches, Trinkets, Watch and Clock Furniture, Tools, and Shop Furniture, are to be SOLD by public roup, within their shop at the west end of the Luckenbooths, upon Monday the 26th current, at eleven o'clock forenoon.

Those indebted to the Company are requested to make immediate payment to John Rhind, writer, Lady Stair's Close, Lawn-market, who has full power to receive and discharge the same.

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JUST arrived from Malaga, in the Peggy, George Skinner Master, a Cargo of NEW FRUITS, of a good quality, and at moderate prices.

Sun Raisins

Lexia Raisins } in casks.

Malaga Figs

Muscotelle Raisins } in boxes.

Bloom Raisins

Jordan Almonds } in boxes.

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Lemons

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Bloom ditto } in boxes and jars.

Muscotelle ditto

Wine Grapes in jars.

Jordon Almonds

Valentia ditto } in casks and boxes.

Figs in casks.

Lemons

in chests and boxes.

China Oranges

Shumack in bags.

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ADDITIONAL LIST of CERTIFICATES and DEPUTATIONS, issued by JOHN URE, sheriff clerk of the County of Forfar, since the 29th of September last.

NOVEMBER 1. 1787.

CERTIFICATES.

Names of the Persons who have taken out Certificates.

Places of abode.

Parishes.

G. Green, Edward, Esq; Littlemilk, Montrose.

K.

Ker, William, Esq; Dumbarro, Dunnichen.

R.

Ritchie, Mr Alexander, Brechin, Brechin.

S.

Smith, Mr John, North Tarry, St Vigeans.

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JOHN BRETTELL Secretary.

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Author of the Universal Accountant, and Master of the Mercatible Academy in Edinburgh.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, NOV. 10.
Whitehall, Nov. 10.

THE King has been pleased to appoint William Sinclair, Esq; to be Commissary of the Commission of Caithness, in the room of William Sutherland, Esq; deceased.

London, Nov. 9.

Yesterday, John Burnell, Esq; the Lord Mayor Elect for the year ensuing, was sworn at Guildhall, when the Chair, and other ensigns of Mayoralty, were surrendered to him in the accustomed manner.

This day, the Lord Mayor, several of the Aldermen, and Sheriffs, in their scarlet gowns, went in their coaches to the water side, the sword and mace being carried before them, and the city officers attending; and from thence proceeded in the city barge, attended by the several Companies in their respective barges, adorned with streamers and pendants, to Westminster; and having walked round the Hall, and solemnly saluted all the Courts, they went to the Exchequer bar, and the Lord Mayor did there take the oaths appointed; and, having received warrants of attorney in the proper Courts, returned by water to Blackfriars, and from thence in coaches, with the usual solemnity, to Guildhall, where a magnificent entertainment was provided; at which were present some of the Foreign Ministers, the Great Officers of State, divers of the Nobility, Lords of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, the Judges, and many other persons of quality and distinction.

Dresden, Oct. 19.

Yesterday, his Serene Highness Prince Anthony, brother to the Elector of Saxony, was married to her Royal Highness the Archduchess Maria Theresa, daughter to the Great Duke of Tuscany. The ceremony was performed in the Elector's private chapel.

Admiralty Office, Nov. 10. 1787.

NOTICE is hereby given to such Officers of his Majesty's Navy and Marine Forces, who have had leave from my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to be absent from this kingdom, and have not yet returned in consequence of their Lordships directions published in the London Gazette on the 25th of September last, that they are at liberty to continue abroad the remainder of the time for which the leave was granted to them, notwithstanding the directions published as above mentioned, without forfeiture of their half pay. PH. STEPHENS.

2d Battalion (Rajahs) Honorable Robert Mead is appointed to be Ensign, vice Gabriel Trotter.

12th Regiment of foot, John Wogan, Gent. to be Ensign, vice John Morgan.

34th Regiment of foot, Surgeon's Mate — Hannay to be Surgeon, vice Henry Styles.

6th Regiment of foot, Charles Fraser, Gent. to be Ensign, vice John Lewis Prevost. Second Lieutenant Thomas Weston, from the half-pay of the marines, to be Ensign, vice William Clark. John Blissett, Gent. to be Ensign. Lieutenant James Dadd, from the 10th regiment of foot, to be Lieutenant.

2d Regiment of foot, Ensign Alexander Macdonald to be Lieutenant, vice George Jones. Thomas Drummond, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Alexander Macdonald.

77th Regiment of foot, James Dalton, Clerk, to be Chaplain. Surgeon Colin Anderson, from the 15th regiment of foot, to be Surgeon, vice Andrew Cairncross.

EARRATUM in the List of Commissions signed by his Majesty for the Army in Ireland, in last Tuesday's Gazette.

In 6d foot, Ensign John Hadden Robertson, from half-pay of late 1st battalion of 71st regiment, to be Ensign, vice Gildea, exchanged, was inserted by mistake, no such commission having been signed.

M A I L S.
Arrived—Ireland, 2.—Holland, 4.—Flanders, 1.—France, 1.—Duc.—None.

FROM THE LONDON PAPERS, NOV. 12.

Patrays, Sept. 20. As soon as the news arrived here of war being declared against Russia, the populace pillaged the house of the Russian Consul, and would certainly have destroyed him, if the Bacha had not run to his assistance with a body of Janissaries, who appeased the tumult; notwithstanding which the Bacha had much trouble to save the lives of the Russian Consul and his family, and put them in a place of safety. He afterwards published a firman from the Porte, by which it was strongly forbidden to insult the Russian merchants, and in case of disobedience the delinquents to be punished with the utmost rigour. This produced the desired effect, for the mutineers retired, and those taken were put in prison.

Petersburg, Oct. 8. The courier who brought the news here that our ships had sunk three Turkish frigates near Oczakow, received from her Majesty a present of a gold watch. They talk of fitting out immediately at Cronstadt a fleet of 30 ships of the line. In the declaration published by our Court against the Porte, they promised to issue a manifesto, or more particular detail, which has appeared accordingly. It begins with the affairs from the year 1763, when the Porte declared war against Russia in an unjust and violent manner. This manifesto goes on to set forth, that Russia, after being deprived of Moldavia, Wallachia, Bessarabia, Bulgaria, and many islands in the Archipelago, yielded back all those conquests by the treaty of 1773, and only kept the fort of Kinburn and its district, the territory between the Dug and the Nieper, and the fortresses of Kertsch and Jenikale. All this is followed by a short enumeration of the principal events since the peace of Kainardji until the return of Mr Bulgakov from Cherson to Constantinople.

Cassel, Oct. 18. After many conferences between General Fawcett and our Minister, a treaty of alliance and subsidy is signed and agreed on between the King of Great Britain and the Landgrave; in consequence of which we shall furnish the English with twelve thousand men, who are ordered to prepare to march on the first notice. General Fawcett has likewise taken the troops of Waldeck into English pay. He set off from this place for Hanover on the 6th instant.

Vienna, Oct. 26. His Majesty, the Emperor, who has been absent for some days, has returned again to this residence; his Majesty has not been in

Hungary as was reported; his journey to that place is fixed for the 31st of this month.

It is now certain, that the answer of the Ottoman Porte, to his Imperial Majesty's declaration of the 3d of September, was haughty and unsatisfactory; they insist that he ought to withdraw his troops from the frontiers, which is not compatible with his dignity, with the safety of his dominions and subjects, nor with the alliance which subsists betwixt him and the Empress. This was notified to the Porte by an extra courier, who left this place on the 2nd, and with this express declaration, that his Majesty expected, without fear, the declaration of war against him by the Turks, and was prepared, at all points, for the event.

L O N D O N . — Nov. 12. 1787
Friday, the Earl of Caxillis, lately arrived from Scotland, was at the levee, and had afterwards an audience of his Majesty.

Friday, a writ was ordered to pass the Great Seal appointing a Congé D'Elire to the Dean and Chapter of London, to chuse a Bishop in the room of the late Dr Robert Lowth, and recommending Dr Beilby Porteous, Bishop of Chester, to be chosen.

Same day, the Bishop of Chester attended the levee at St James's, and kissed his Majesty's hand on his appointment to the See of London. Who will succeed his Lordship at Chester is not yet determined.

The triumph of the Minister, on the late trying occasion, is complete.—This statement of circumstances, which we have authority to give, will shew it:

In an early period of the Dutch disturbances, the French, rather ostentatiously, avowed their disposition to aid the Patriotic party. Some interference, though with extreme caution, was used by our Administration. The language in return was very high, and rather, as it should seem, with an apparent purpose of irritation. Mr Pitt himself negotiated with the French Ambassador; and though he received such incivilities as nothing but a superior mind could disdain, he still drew off unembarrassed, and left the affair with no new tendency to what was hostile.

The hostile tendency, however, on the part of the French, becoming more and more obtrusive, and the sounds of preparation spreading from Brest to Toulon, our honourable reservation in favour of peace was deemed scarcely any longer practicable.

Such was the unanimous opinion of the Cabinet; as such, it was communicated, with proper frankness, to the leaders of Opposition. This, though a very becoming mode of doing business, and at once honourable and expeditious, is not new; the same sort of explicit communication, in every material division of State, having been familiarly interchanged by Lord North and other Ministers.

Opposition met, as the Ministry had done before them, and with councils that had the same import; that, if hostilities could not be thus discreetly prevented, they must be encouraged; and that, as the French made no secret of arming, the English should arm likewise.

As far, therefore, as Administration had gone, the other party went along with them.

How much further the Ministry has advanced in popular confidence and regard, from the unexpected felicity of the issue, they can tell, who know the prevalence of prevention to remedy.

It is surprising how much the absurd story of the Spaniards having attacked Gibraltar gained credit a few days ago. All we can gather from this is, that there is nothing so improbable as not to be believed by some. While this credulity prevails, there will always be plenty of forgeries and fabrications, propagated by artful jobbers, to promote their private purposes.

Saturday afternoon, between two and three o'clock, their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, passed through the City, on their road to Mistley, in Essex, the seat of Mr Raby, in the neighbourhood of which they intend to spend some time, in the diversions of courting and shooting.

Mr Eden left Paris on Wednesday last, and is now on his route to Madrid as Ambassador Plenipotentiary from Great Britain to the Court of Spain.

Colonel Neffis Balfour, and John Spranger, Esqrs, are constituted Commissioners for enquiring into the respective losses of all such persons who have suffered in their rights and properties in consequence of the cession of the province of East Florida to the King of Spain; they are now about winding up that intricate and interesting business.

Lord Mansfield is perhaps the most astonishing instance of longevity that can be produced. There are many others who have lived longer, and who are now older than he, and preferred such faculties as they have got; but where shall we find one like him, whose mind preserves its greatness, its vigour, and its unbounded knowledge in such perfection? There is no such character now living.

In the above instance there is something of chance, a something which cannot be reduced to the fixed and settled rules of medical temperance—His Lordship never was a water drinker.—And of the old water-drinkers of the age, it will be hard to find one of his power.

Friday morning, died, at his house in New London-street, George Cumming, Esq; one of the Directors of the East India Company.

G U I L D H A L L .

At six o'clock, Friday evening, the dinner was served up in Guildhall to three tables.

1. The Lord Mayor's table on the Hustings. At this table sat the Lord and Lady Mayors, the Aldermen, the City Officers, the Officers of State, and other strangers, who were invited.

2. The Sheriff's table, at the other end of the Hall, opposite the Lord Mayor's; at which sat their friends.

3. The center table, which was the largest, and contained several tables, occupying the whole of the remaining space of the Hall. At which sat the Common Council, their Ladies, and an incredible number of other persons, who had found favour to gain admittance.

And such was the amazing number of persons who came with tickets and orders from the Aldermen, &c, that the Hall, large as it is, could not contain them.

The Court of King's Bench was filled with tables; and those were not sufficient. Many persons could find no accommodations; and even seven of the Aldermen were obliged to dine by themselves in a room above stairs.

On the right hand of the Lord Mayor sat

The Lord Chancellor,

The Earl of Salisbury,

The Marquis of Carmarthen,

The Marquis of Titchfield,

Right Hon. Mr Pitt,

Right Hon. Mr Fox,

George Byng, Esq;

Lord Loughborough,

The French Ambassador,

The Portuguese Ambassador,

The Judges Ashurst, Heath, Hotham, and

Thompson,

The Attorney and Solicitor General,

Several foreigners, &c, &c, &c.

The Ladies sat on the left hand.

Invitations had been sent to Norfolk and Portland houses, but neither of the noble Dukes was in town.

The dinner was well served, and the wines were good. Charet, Champaign, Burgundy, Madeira, &c.

After dinner, the Lady Mayors, and the Ladies, retired to the new Council Chamber, where they were served with coffee and tea.

The Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Officers of State retired to the old Council Chamber, where the bottle was pushed about pretty briskly.

After the usual toasts, the Lord Mayor gave the following in succession:

The Duke of Portland,

The Duke of Devonshire,

Earl Fitzwilliam,

Lord North,

Mr Burke, &c.

About nine o'clock the Lord Chancellor went away.

He was followed by the Judges, and the Attorney and Solicitor General.

Lord Salisbury, Lord Carmarthen, and Mr Pitt, went to the Ladies.

The Ball was opened in the new Council Chamber, by

A Venetian Nobleman, and Miss Tibbs, sister to the Lady Mayors.

The next minuet was danced by Mr Estaire, (son to Sir James) and Miss Evans.

The third minuet, by the Hon. Mr Townsend, (son to Lord Sydney) and Miss —.

Country dances were danced on the Hustings, in the Hall, and in the Court of King's Bench. They continued for some time.

A day of better order could not be. Nor is it remembered that a more numerous company has been assembled at Guildhall.

It may be fairly conjectured that at least five hundred persons dined.

All the Aldermen were present, except Wilkes and Harley.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have ordered all the provision, remaining from the feast of Friday, at Guildhall, to be sent to the several goals of the city, and distributed among the distressed prisoners in the most equal manner.—What! all! Yes, except some tit-bits which a certain description of persons find most fitting for their own palates, and therefore order home.

Extract of a letter from Portsmouth, Nov. 9.

We have had a gale of wind from the N. W. these four-and-twenty hours, which prevents all communication whatever with Spithead. I see, however, both Sir Francis Drake's and Sir Edmund Alcock's flags still flying there, and it is the general opinion, they will remain hoisted until the meeting of Parliament. No orders yet have been received for the ships of this port to come into harbour. The Bombay Castle, Capt. R. Fanshaw, and Carnatic, the Hon. Capt. Bertie, have left Spithead, and anchored at St Helens, in their way to Plymouth; the rest of the men of war destined for that port, will soon do the same, when the first wind from the eastward will carry them fairly away. The Irreconcile of 74 guns, has sailed for the eastward.

The following ships of 74 guns each, are expected to be paid off, being in bad condition, viz. Pege, Triumph, and Ganges, as well as the Ardent of 64; and some go so far as to assert, that it is the intention of the Lords of the Admiralty to pay off all the class of sixty-four, and continue none as guardships but 74 guns. It is strongly reported also, that from the difficulty recently experienced in procuring seamen, they will wisely keep a number of those already in pay, by adding at least one hundred men more to the complement of each guardship, so that on any future emergency, we shall have more good hands that we can depend upon to put on board our men of war, and not be the second time put to our shifts for the want of experienced seamen.

Extract of a letter from Ramsgate, Nov. 11.

Yesterdays was brought in the Santa Teresa, De Padone, from Bilboa to London, with the loss of several sails, and other damage; also came in the Viergefusters, Berding, from Memel to Bourdeaux, with loss of anchors and cables, several sails, and three feet water in her hold.

The ships in the Downs got under way this morning, wind S. S. E. but most of them returned.

PRICE OF STOCKS, Nov. 12.

Bank Stock, — 3 per cent. India Ann. —

New 4 per cent. 1777, 95 Indie Bonds, 88 s. picm.

a 94 $\frac{1}{2}$.

5 per cent. Ann. 1785, 114 $\frac{1}{2}$ Old S. Ann. —

a $\frac{1}{2}$ a 114.

3 per cent. red. 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$ New ditto, —

a $\frac{1}{2}$ a 4 3 per cent. 1751, 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ —

3 per cent. con 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$ New Navy and Victualling Bills, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. disc.

3 per cent. 1726, — Exch. Bills, —

Long Ann. 24 $\frac{1}{2}$. Lottery Tickets, 16 l. 7 s.

30 Years Ann. 1778, 13 13 16ths a $\frac{1}{2}$.

Prizes — 6 d. a 8 s.

India Stock, — Bank for —

EDINBURGH.
STATE PAPER.

Extract from the Register of their High Mightinesses the States General of the United Provinces, Oct. 23. 1787.

" There was read to the Assembly a Memorial of M. H. J. van

Munday se'ennight, died Mrs Maxwell, wife of Charles Maxwell, Esq; of Dulwich, in Surrey.

Mr Hamilton, relict of the Rev. Mr Thomas Hamilton, minister of Holywood, died at Glasgow the 31st ult. in the 89th year of her age.

On Tuesday the 6th instant, died at Peterhead, Mrs Katharine Cumming, spouse to Mr James Arbutnott, merchant in that place, and daughter to the late George Cumming of Pittuly.

Last month, died at Dresden, Mr Kenneth Ferguson, secretary to Morton Eden, Esq; the British ambassador at that Court, a young gentleman of great genius and learning, and translator of the beautiful epic poem of Joseph. He was a native of Lanarkshire, and brother of the Rev. Mr Ferguson, minister of Pettyneair in that county. The amiable manners and literary accomplishments of Mr Ferguson, particularly his skill in the foreign languages, recommended him, almost without friends, to the office which he held, and in which he was highly respected. His death has occasioned the deepest affliction to his relations.

Died at Port Glasgow, on the 29th of October, Lieutenant-Colonel Powlett, late of the 45th regiment.

On Sunday last, died at Berwick, in his way to London, from Scotland, Mr John Brander.

Mr David Pagan, merchant in Virginia, died at New York in September last, after a lingering illness.

Mr James Webster, Town-Clerk of Forfar, died

there on the 31st of October last.

Yesterday, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council appointed Mr George Home resident Baile of Easter, and Mr Peter Hardie resident Baile of Wester Portsburgh.

Tuesday last, the Baile of the meal market, upon a visitation, found several parcels of meal of an inferior quality from what they were given out to be, when exposed to sale. Four bolls of this kind of meal were seized and sent to the Charity Workhouse. Other vendors of mixed meal, not quite so culpable as the proprietor of the four bolls, were fined.

Tuesday last, the Provincial Synod of Iorhian and Tweedale met here, when, after an excellent sermon by the Rev. Mr John Kemp, one of the ministers of this city, their late Moderator, they made choice of the Rev. Mr William Martin, likewise one of the ministers of this city, to be Moderator for the half year ensuing. There was no business whatever, of a public nature, came before the Synod.

Monday last, we had a dreadful storm of wind and rain, the bad effects of which, we are afraid, will be severely felt, as the wind did not continue long in one direction. The following melancholy accounts have already come to our hands:

On Monday night last, the Friends Goodwill, of Leith, Captain John Crawford, from Dantzig for Leith, laden with oak plank and masts, was wrecked at Scogal, three miles to the southward of North Berwick. The master and all the crew, consisting of nine men, were drowned. The ship is broken up, but most of the cargo will be saved.

The Industry, Captain Robertson, from Leith for Campvere, is wrecked near Yarmouth. The crew are saved.

An attempt was made on Sunday forenoon to break into a house in the Horse Wynd, by means of false keys; but somebody happening to be within, they ran off. It is obvious, now that the season for depredation has commenced, how careful people ought to be in securing their houses properly, when the family are from home; for the method commonly practised by these pilferers is, to know first, by rapping at the door, and lifting the latch gently, whether any person is within, which, should it be the case, they begin an enquiry for somebody's place of residence; but if otherwise, and circumstances appear favourable, different keys are applied till their purpose is completed, and the owner pillaged, perhaps, of his most valuable effects.

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Prices of meat in Glasgow market—Best oatmeal 14 d. second fort 12½ d. third fort 1 s.—Peasemeal 11 d. Bearmeat 10 d. per peck.

Monday last the ports in Lanarkshire were shut against the importation of wheat and barley.—They are open for oats, oatmeal, peas and beans.

A very curious case has lately taken place, with respect to a cargo of foreign wheat brought to Grangemouth, in expectation of being allowed to pass through the Canal. Many difficulties occurred, but, at length, by the application of Sir William Forbes, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce at Edinburgh, to a very respectable Commoner, high in power, liberty was given. In the interim, there was a great probability of the Lanarkshire ports being shut, (see paragraph above) which would have effectually impeded all the means made use of. We are glad, however, to learn, that all the lighters containing this cargo arrived within the bounds of the county in time, and have been admitted to enter.

The Magistrates of the burgh of Innerkeithing, for the preservation of good order recommended in our Sovereign's Proclamation, have appointed a teacher to meet with the children of the place every Sabbath, to examine them on the principles of religion; and have enjoined their officers to go about the town and harbour to apprehend such, whether young or old, as are found straggling, and cannot assign sufficient reasons for their being without doors on Sabbath.—In consequence of these regulations the profanation of the day of rest, so common in many burghs, is in a great degree prevented in Innerkeithing.

Extract of a letter from Aberdeen, Nov. 13.

"For some time past it has been observed, that notwithstanding his Majesty's late proclamation, the streets of this city continued to be infested every Sunday, even in time of divine worship, by numerous sets of idle and disorderly boys. The Magistrates therefore caused their constables patrol the streets on Sunday last, both forenoon and afternoon, by whom a great number of these disorderly boys were confined in the guardhouse till evening, when they were dismissed, on their parents becoming bound for their better behaviour in time coming, with which the Magistrates were satisfied at present; but we are assured they are determined in time coming, to punish all such immorality with more severity. It is really a disgrace to parents, to suffer their children to go on in such abandoned courses, from which the almost inevitable consequence is their children becoming thieves and blackguards.

Tuesday last, the Provincial Synod of Iorhian and Tweedale met here, when, after an excellent sermon by the Rev. Mr John Kemp, one of the ministers of this city, their late Moderator, they made choice of the Rev. Mr William Martin, likewise one of the ministers of this city, to be Moderator for the half year ensuing. There was no business whatever, of a public nature, came before the Synod.

Monday last, we had a dreadful storm of wind and rain, the bad effects of which, we are afraid, will be severely felt, as the wind did not continue long in one direction. The following melancholy accounts have already come to our hands:

On Monday night last, the Friends Goodwill, of Leith, Captain John Crawford, from Dantzig for Leith, laden with oak plank and masts, was wrecked at Scogal, three miles to the southward of North Berwick. The master and all the crew, consisting of nine men, were drowned. The ship is broken up, but most of the cargo will be saved.

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SIR, Glasgow, 14th Nov. 1787.

THE following circumstance may not be disagreeable to some of your readers, and of importance to the public:—A grocer here being very much troubled with rats in his shop, provided an ounce of the very strongest white arsenick that could be procured, in order to kill them by poison. Having mixed it with a little boiled beef at night, when going to shut his shop, he put it on the floor. The gentleman keeps three small terrier dogs, and on opening his shop in the morning, the dogs went and devoured the whole mixture, without his having attended to what he had done the night before; but the rats being rather crafty, did not think proper to partake of their prepared meal. On seeing the poor dogs run to some water standing at a side, the gentleman was immediately made sensible of his mistake, and got about a Scots pint of warm milk, and about an English pint of Florence oil, which was poured into the three dogs, who, before the gentleman got the milk and oil prepared, were almost gone; but in the course of an hour after receiving the above medicine, they were perfectly recovered, although they had ate a whole ounce of arsenick. As many are the alarming events of poison, particularly arsenick, which is almost always deemed incurable, I am hopeful the publication of this fact will be of use to the public.

I am yours, &c.
A CONSTANT READER.

THEATRICAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE NEW PEERAGE:
Or, OUR EYES MAY DRIVE US.

Drury-Lane.

This Comedy, written by Miss HARRIET LEE, sister to the ingenious authoress of the *CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS* and *RECESS*, was on Saturday evening brought forward for the first time.

The Characters are as follow:—
Vandererab, a Banker, Mr KING;
Charles, his son, Mr WOUGHTON;
Sir John Lovelace, Mr SUEITT;
Lord Melville, Mr BANNISTER;
Mealey, Mr PACKER;
Virtu, Mr LA-MASH.
Lady Charlotte Courtney, Miss FARREN;
Miss Harley, Mrs CROUCH;
Miss Vandererab, Mrs HOPKINS;
Kitty, Mrs CUYLER.

Miss Lee's Comedy is of merit that places a chapter on her brow; it is unencumbered by contentious declamation, and unblighted by double entendre; some very pointed and acute reflections are scattered through the scenes; and if the wit is not powerful, a vein of pleasantry runs through the whole, that kept the house in a continued succession of gaiety.

The characters are not striking on the score of originality.—Vandererab is of a cynical cast, and has many relatives on the stage.—Sir John Lovelace, in some respects, approaches Sir Anthony Bravall, and where he is dissimilar, no very marking feature is given.—The other leading characters are those which may be traced in most genteel comedies.

In respect to the management, a very regular succession of business leads to the *denouement*, and tho' the imagination nowhere feels the electric power attendant upon high-worked scenery; yet it is still kept in a state of pleasing activity to the close of the drama. The scene in which Miss Lee's Vandererab comes forward from the Muleum, is, however, so noticed for its prominent effect.

We must point out as exceptions, that young Vandererab should appear in every act so totally unmindful of his affectionate father, as not to express the least anxiety or wish to see him, although just returned to England, after an absence of fourteen years; some little apology is offered to the father, when the interview takes place; but a colour of filial duty should have been displayed from the first. Miss Harley appears divested of her picture of Vandererab junior, when she speaks of him to Lady Charlotte Courtney:—his generosity and attention to her demanded a different return.—We must also observe of Miss Harley, that her attachment to Lord Melville under his disguised character, however suddenly conceived, was too strongly expressed, while she viewed him in the light of an impudent; her sentiments were those of intimacy, and even in a certain degree, confidence. The remarks of Lord Melville's sarcastic allusions to the "Egyptian Mummy," and the antiquated pieces of ruins, in plaster, when he speaks of Miss Letty Vandererab, should have been given to old Vandererab, or Medley; from the lips of a well-bred man to an unknown lady, they are censurable. These particulars we point out, and recommend to Miss Lee's correction; the attention of an hour will reform the whole.

We never yet witnessed a comedy, more perfectly played: Mr King was highly comic in the senior Vandererab.—Wroughton's representation of the son was natural, and full of spirit. The like praise is due to Bannister junior: His abilities are of the most promising excellency.—Miss Farren gave a good portrait of a fashionable coquette, whose heart was under the influence of reason and nature.—Mrs Crouch gave Miss Harley every possible interest with the audience, and sung an air of Mr Linney's composing, with great beauty.—The dresses of these two ladies were highly elegant: Miss Farren's was white taffeta and silver; that of Mrs Crouch was a yellow silk body and petticoat, with a white taffeta train, ornamented with black bows, which had a pretty effect:—but the high feathers in her head-dress did not accord with the simplicity of the rest of the dress.

The Prologue was well spoken by Mr Wroughton; it happily ridicules the propensity of citizens to enjoy the pleasures of the west-end of the town, and pointedly adverturing to the banks at the different ends of the town, says,

"A Bank of England here—and there a Pharaoh sit—
Wit without money—money without wit."

It concludes with a just compliment to the character of a merchant—

"Let but a British merchant guard his fame,

A Paragon adds no honour to his name!"

The Epilogue derives its chief merit from Miss Farren's happy delivery; it advertises to modern marriages, and concludes in advising to let the heart, rather than the eyes, be the guide—

And if your eyes deceive you, trust the heart.

The house was crowded in all parts; and the most general approbation was bestowed on the piece.

REPORT OF THE QUANTITIES OF MEAL BROUGHT INTO THE MEAT MARKET OF EDINBURGH, WITH THE PRICES AT WHICH IT SOLD, NOV. 13, 1787.

	Lothian oat-meal sold at	60 <i>lb.</i>
Second ditto;	15	6
Third ditto,	15	3
Boil South Country ditto,	14	9
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Boil meal sold by retail at	1	0 <i>lb.</i>
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SOUND SHIPPING.

PASSED THE SOUND,
OCT. 29. Elizabeth, of and for Inverness, Robertson, from St Peterburgh, with hemp.

Buchol, of and for Aberdeen, Pyper, from Dantzig, with plank, &c.

William of Dundee, Cables, from ditto, for Breadford, with wheat.

El of Newcastle, Foster, from Narva, for Leith, deals, Eels of Glafow, Wilkie, from Dantzig, for Greenock, with plank.

Victory of Dylar, Duncan, from Memel, for Leith.

Three Sisters of Aberdeen, Mitchel, from Dantzig, for ditto, with staves.

Friends Goodwill, of and for Leith, Crawford, from ditto, with ashes, &c.

30. Mary, of and for ditto, Smith, from Memel, timber.

Fancy Elkine of Torbyburn, Black, from ditto, with ditto.

